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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO REFERENCES TO A SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN SEVERAL GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS, A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS HAVE QUERIED US ABOUT OUR VIEW ON THE SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. AT LEAST THREE GENERAL DEBATE SPEAKERS HAVE SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT ADVOCATED IN THE "LIMA PROGRAMME FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY." IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 22, PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR VALLE SAID, "IN ORDER TO REACH THAT DESIRED GOAL OF TRUE NEGOTIATION, MY GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY UPON THE EARLY CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT."

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ASSEMBLY ON DISARMAMENT."

2. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ANDA, LAMENTING THE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARDS CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, SAID, IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 22, "IT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT IF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE CANNOT BE CONVENED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE."

3. ON SEPTEMBER 24, YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC DECRIED THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON DISARMAMENT AND CALLED FOR "THE MOST URGENT CONVENING OF A WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND IF THIS CONTINUES TO BE HINDERED...A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT..."

4. VARIOUS DELEGATIONS HAVE QUERIED US ABOUT OUR VIEW ON A SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. CHINESE MISSION OFFICER CHOU NAN ASKED US TWICE ABOUT WHAT WE THINK. UKUN MISSION OFFICER LOGAN TOLD US THAT THE CHINESE SOLICITED THE UK OPINION ON A SPECIAL SESSION IN LONDON, PEKING, WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

5. AUSTRIAN MISSION OFFICER LENNKH TOLD US HE THOUGHT THE IDEA WAS A GOOD ONE AND THAT EVERY AVENUE FOR BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE US AND USSR TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE USED. LENNKH STATED HIS BELIEF THAT NOT ONLY IS THE USSR OPPOSED TO A SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, THEY ALSO OPPOSE CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH THEY CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY CAN COUNT ON CHINESE OPPOSITION TO ENSURE THAT A WDC IS NOT CONVENED.

6. COMMENT: SINCE IT IS LIKELY THAT OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL ASK OUR OPINION ON A SPECIAL DISARMAMENT SESSION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE GUIDANCE ON THE SUBJECT. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT A SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WOULD POSE MANY OF THE SAME DISADVANTAGES AS A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

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